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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: MAEDA, Tatsuya

Group Art Unit: 2877

Serial No.: 09/963,575

Examiner: Vincent P. Barth

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For. INSPECTION METHOD AND INSPECTION OF A TERMINAL METAL FITTING

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 15, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003 for two-months from October 14, 2003 to December 14, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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